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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Request for NIE on Italy

REFERENCE: DIA memorandum of 14 November 1963 to Chairman, USIB

1. This is in response to your request for an updating of NIE 24-61, "The Outlook for Italy." The Board of National Estimates agrees that it would be desirable to undertake a fresh look at the Italian political scene.

2. An NIE on this subject will be proposed for the regular program of National Estimates for the first quarter of 1964. This program will be submitted to the USIB for approval this month.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: (S) Request for Review and Reissue of NIE 24-61,
"The Outlook for Italy"

1. The Office of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has expressed a growing concern over the events now transpiring in Italy. I believe that if current maneuverings to form a center-left coalition government should fail, and elections be scheduled as a result, the possibility is strong that parties of the right and far left would gain strength at the expense of the moderates between; or, even in the case of a center-left coalition being successfully negotiated, it may prove to be possible only on the basis of compromises by the Christian Democratic Party which in the long run could run counter to U.S. interests. Either of these situations would have a broad impact on U.S. interests and represents a contingency that should be reflected in current national and military planning. NATO relationships are a case in point.

2. To this end the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has requested DIA to prepare an appraisal of the present situation in Italy in an attempt to forecast, if any, those events which would have a direct impact on U.S. vital interests and perhaps even national security. Since this matter is of concern to the entire community, I feel that it is more properly the subject of a National Estimate.

3. It is requested, therefore, that NIE 24-61, "The Outlook for Italy" be re-examined and reissued at an early date.

JOSEPH F. CARROLL
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